year 2001-2002, CIRM officers carried out 34968 inspections rectified 360712 irregularities, launched 16040 prosecutions and secured 7475 convictions of defaulting employers.

(d) The Government has initiated the process of labour reforms to meet the challenges of privatization, liberalization and globalisation. Nonetheless, the Government is also committed to safegard the legitimate interests of workers during the course of labour reforms. With a view to suggest rationalization of laws relating to labour in the organised sector and evolving an umbrella legislation for ensuring minimum level of protection to the workers in the unorganised sector, the Government of India has set up the Second National Commission of Labour. The Trade Unions are duly represented on the Commission. The Report of the Commission is expected by 15.04.2002.

Pending cases in Labour Courts

1260. SHRI C. O. POULOSE: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the number of labour disputes pending in various labour courts in the country and the rate of disposal during the years 1998, 1999 and 2000;

(b) the number/rate of cases solved in favour of the employees and workers and the employees, separately; and

(c) the number of cases where employees had violated the industrial and labour laws in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) The number of industrial disputes that

remained pending and were disposed of by the Central Government Industrial Tribunal-cum-Labour Courts during the years 1998, 1999 and 2000 are as under:—

Year	Pending	Disposed of
1998	7968	447
1999	9649	896
2000	12132	849

(b) and (c) Information is not maintained in the Central Government Industrial Tribunal-cum-Labour Courts.

Pending Medical Bills with ESI Hospital, Modinagar

1261. MISS FRIDA TOPNO: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of medical bills of the employees of the Modipon Fibre Company are pending for payment with the Employees State Insurance Hospital, Modinagar, Ghaziabad, UP;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the number of such pending bills;

(c) since when these bills are pending and what are the reasons therefor;

(d) what action Government propose to expedite the payments; and

(e) by when all the pending bills would be settled?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) to (c) The medical care under the ESI Scheme is administered by the State Governments except in Delhi and Noida where it is directly administered by ESIC. The State Government of Uttar Pradesh has informed that 29 medical bills of employees of M/s. Modipon Fibre Company were received by them. Details are given in the statement. (*See* below)

(d) and (e) The payment in respect of 10 cases has been made and the Government of Uttar Pradesh has advised Director (Medical) ESI